

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Professional Licensing Bureau

The Professional Licensing Bureau (PLB) is part of the Banking Division of the Department of Commerce. The agency was created in 1986 as a result of statewide agency reorganization. In July 2006, it became a bureau of the Division of Banking. The Bureau oversees:

- Accountants
- Architects
- Engineers and Land Surveyors
- Landscape Architects
- Real Estate Brokers and Agents
- Real Estate Appraisers
- Interior Designers

The PLB provides support for the boards and commissions that govern each profession. The requirements for examination, licensing and regulation, review and investigation of complaints, licensee discipline, peer review committees, renewal requirements and continuing education necessary for renewal are set by the boards and commissions with assistance from the Bureau. There are approximately 33,000 in-state and out-of-state licensees under the Bureau's purview.

Funding

For FY 2017, the Bureau received a General Fund appropriation of approximately \$448,000 and approximately 12.50 appropriated FTE positions.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [542](#), [542B](#), [543B](#), [543D](#), [544A](#), [544B](#), [544C](#), [193](#), [193A-193G](#) Iowa Administrative Code

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More Information

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